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EVANGELISM CONGRESS SLATED FOR AUGUST

NEW YORK -- An evangelism congress slated for Aug. 20-23 at Kendall College, Evanston, Ill., will seek to bring together those within the Episcopal Church who are working in evangelism, that they might know, support, and strengthen one another and increase their evangelism training and experience.

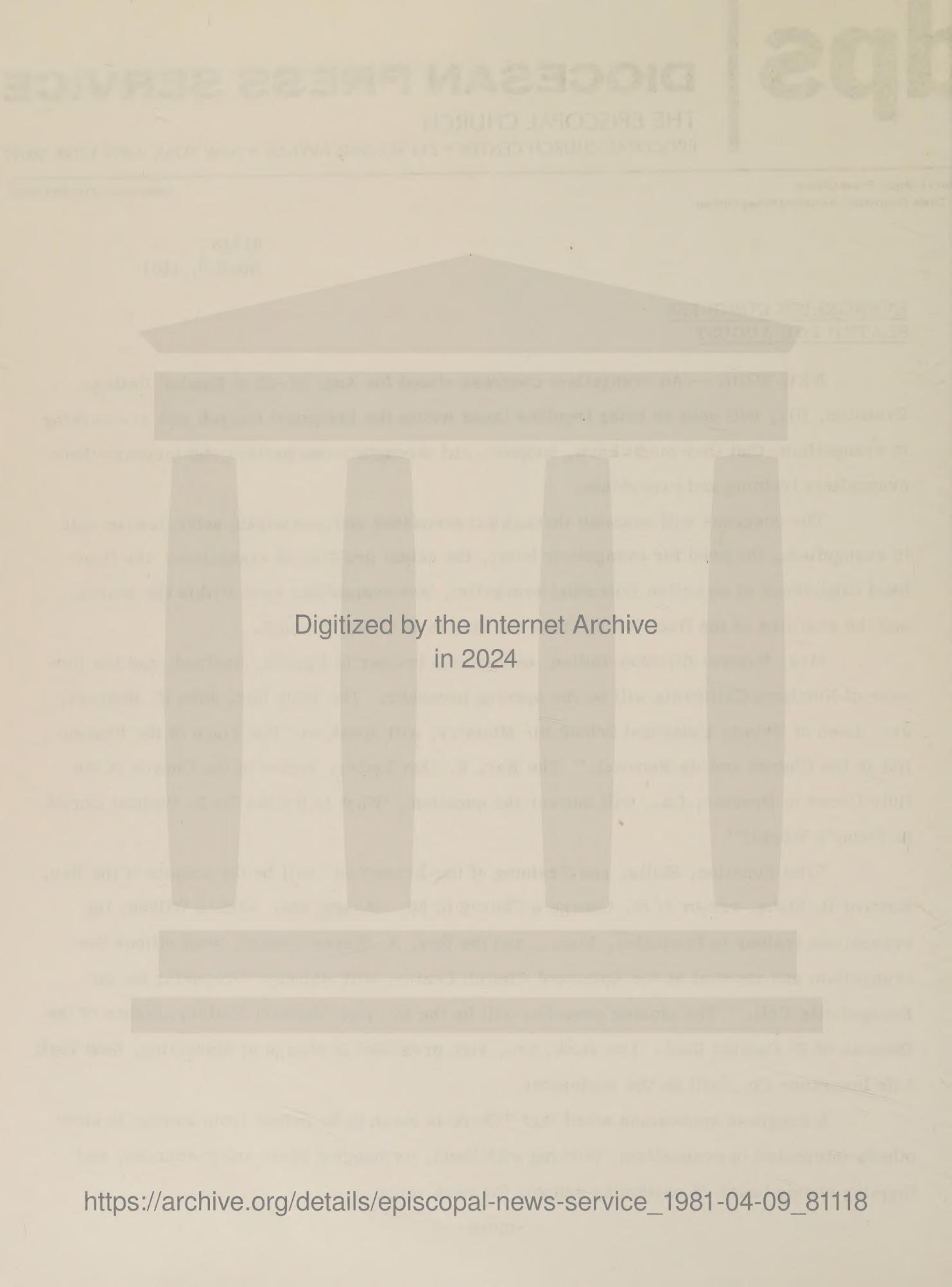
The congress will examine through presentations and participant activities the call to evangelism, the need for evangelism today, the actual practice of evangelism, the first-hand experience of an active Episcopal evangelist, how evangelists work within the church, and the realities of the lives led by those the church is trying to reach.

Mrs. Valerie Hillsdon-Hutton, evangelism trainer in Uganda, England, and the Diocese of Northern California will be the opening preacher. The Very Rev. John H. Rodgers, Jr., Dean of Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry, will speak on "The Place of the Evangelist in the Church and Its Renewal." The Rev. E. Don Taylor, rector of the Church of the Holy Cross in Decatur, Ga., will answer the question, "What Is It Like To Be Without Christ in Today's World?"

"The Function, Skills, and Training of the Evangelist" will be the subject of the Rev. Edward B. Stube, rector of St. George's Church in Mt. Savage, Md. Donald Wilson, lay evangelism trainer in Sewickley, Penn., and the Rev. A. Wayne Schwab, staff officer for evangelism and renewal at the Episcopal Church Center, will address "Preparing for an Evangelistic Call." The closing preacher will be the Rt. Rev. Shannon Mallory, Bishop of the Diocese of El Camino Real. Lee Buck, Sr., vice president in charge of Marketing, New York Life Insurance Co., will be the moderator.

A congress spokesman noted that "There is much to be gained from coming to know others interested in evangelism, working with them, exchanging ideas and resources, and forming strong bases of continuing support for each other.

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"The ample small-group time and informal sharing times have been designed to tangibly strengthen the network of Episcopalians involved in or interested in evangelism, both for their work during the congress and for future work."

On Saturday afternoon, all participants will join in evangelistic calls in the area, arranged by local congregations. There will be thorough and very specific training for each particular situation, providing immediate application of what has been learned.

Participation in the congress will be limited to 350 persons. The overall fee of \$85 will cover registration, room, board, and conference materials, with \$25 due at registration and \$60 to be paid on arrival. Commuters who are not staying at Kendall College will pay \$60.

Registration materials may be obtained from John Sprenger, 156 Manistee Lane, East Islip, N.Y. 11130.

Co-sponsors of the congress are the Church Center Evangelism and Renewal Office and the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

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